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## United States Senate

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Mr. Peter Ueberroth  
Chairman  
United States Olympic Committee  
1 Olympic Plaza  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Dear Chairman Ueberroth:

It has come to my attention from recent media reports that the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) may be considering moving its headquarters from Colorado Springs to another venue. In my view, such a move would be ill-advised, and I ask that you commit to leaving the headquarters in Colorado Springs.

In the almost 30 years that the USOC has been at the 34 acre site in Colorado Springs, the Pikes Peak region has proven to be an ideal location for the organization's headquarters for several reasons. First, Colorado Springs, home to 45 national governing bodies for various sports, is the center of gravity for national sporting organizations. Second, the costs of living and of maintaining the USOC's headquarters in Colorado Springs are low compared with major metropolitan areas. Third, the collocation of the headquarters and the United States Olympic Training Center allows USOC leadership to stay close to the needs and activities of the athletes they are working to support.

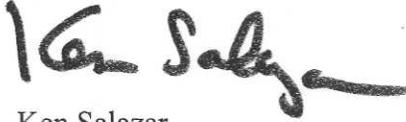
Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the USOC has long enjoyed a positive and productive relationship with the City of Colorado Springs and with the state's elected officials. The city has always been, and continues to be, eager to help the USOC meet whatever needs it may have. Furthermore, the Colorado congressional delegation does all it can to ensure that our athletes and the USOC are well represented; recently we have worked to provide additional funding for USOC's paralympic programs and to explore ways of expanding the USOC's footprint in Colorado Springs.

When the USOC last considered moving in 2003, it was determined that Colorado Springs remained far and away the best location for its headquarters. In my view, nothing has changed to merit consideration of a relocation and I will therefore fight to block any possible transfer of the headquarters out of the area.

Along with local and state leaders, I stand ready to work with you to ensure that Colorado Springs will remain the best home for the USOC's headquarters for decades to come.

I look forward to our continued work together to support our athletes and the Olympic and Paralympic movements.

Sincerely,

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Ken Salazar  
United States Senator

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